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Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts changed his vote from "yea" to "nay. So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 17, I wish to be recorded as voting "yes." My vote was missed because I was detained by a medical emergency.

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina). The gentleman will state it.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire of the Chair if the rules of the House would permit the clerks to move their chairs over a little bit, so that Members who wish to sign Discharge Petition No. 8 will have plenty of room. I see there are many standing there to sign the Discharge Petition No. 8, if they could move over.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair believes there is sufficient room.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now entertain 1-minutes and special orders with prejudice to further legislative business later today.

NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK TO-GETHER TO RAISE THE DEBT **CEILING**

(Mr. VOLKMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, the other evening, on Tuesday night, the President said, "Let us work together," on many things. Now is the time to work together to make sure that we increase the debt limit that needs to be done so that the financial conditions of many, not only of the U.S. Government, but of many of our municipalities, our States, and even some of my school districts that have Treasury bonds, do not have their bond rating reduced.

Mr. Speaker, we can work together to do this. All we have to do is come forward and sign the Discharge Petition No. 8 that provides that we will have before this House a clean debt limit extension so that we can do it and we can get past this hurdle.

Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that if we do not do this, that under the leadership of our Speaker, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. GINGRICH], we are not going to get it done, and we are going to see a chaotic financial condition throughout this country for no purpose whatsoever.

There is no reason that we cannot increase the debt limit and do it now. Now is the time to do it, not to wait until the Government has to default on their bonds.

So if Members want to prevent that from happening, the easiest way to do it is to sign Discharge Petition No. 8. Any Member can sign it. They do not have to be a Democrat; Republicans can sign it, and I welcome Republicans to sign the discharge petition.

INCREASE IN DEBT CEILING MUST BE LINKED TO BALANCED BUDG-ET COMMITMENT

(Mr. WELDON of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the President the other night asked for a clean increase in the debt ceiling. Prior to coming to Congress, I was a practicing physician. I treated a lot of people with not only medical problems, but also with some psychological and emotional problems. One of the things that I did occasionally see is people with serious gambling problems, and the last thing that I would ever recommend for a bank to do would be to give somebody with a gambling problem a line of credit.

Mr. Speaker, we have a President that does not want to balance the budget. He has fought us on balancing the budget, he has fought us on welfare reform, he has fought us on tax cuts, even though he cannot pay for all of those things; and now he wants us to give a clean increase in the debt ceiling so that he can go on his merry way with liberal tax-and-spend programs, the programs that have driven this country almost into bankruptcy, 5 trillion dollars' worth of debt, \$18,000 for every man, woman, and child.

Mr. Speaker, if we are going to increase the debt ceiling, we need to get on the road to balancing the budget and not fairy tale stories about balancing the budget, not saying that we support the balanced budget and then opposing it for the last year, like he

HONORING PAST COMMITMENTS IS NOT A GAMBLING DISORDER

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1